

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNÆ

CAMPUS NEWS

Friends and relatives of students in the graduating classes were in Harrisonburg from all sections of the state. More than two hundred of them were here to attend finals.

Josephine Preston Peabody's play, *The Piper*, was presented Friday night, June 5, in the open-air auditorium under the direction of Miss Ruth Hudson. It was a beautiful night; the elements joined with a talented cast to make the evening a memorable one. The next day everyone enjoyed the final recital of students in music and expression. The Reverend Churchill Gibson, rector of the R. E. Lee Memorial Church, Lexington, delivered the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning. This service is rotated among the various denominations, and on account of limited space at the Episcopal Church the service was held at the New Virginia Theatre.

"Teach the children and teach them straight," admonished Mr. Gibson. "Teach them the truth, teach them biology; let them examine physical things and examine them fearlessly. They must think straight. God does. Do not be afraid that you will carry a lighted torch into an inflammable world which may explode. God's world is fire-proof."

"Scholars who measure the stars and their distances and those who through psychology search for the processes by which the mind works, are in reality searching out the way in which the Lord works. These are the men who have had a sense of comparative values. They are humble in the presence of the truth; they know its vastness."

Mr. Gibson's sermon, all the more powerful because of its unassuming simplicity, cautioned the prospective teachers against permitting a division between things of the spirit and things of the mind. The calling

of the teacher and that of the preacher are not different, he said.

Monday afternoon the Devereux players at a matinee performance presented Wycherly's old English comedy, *The Country Girl*, and in the evening *Francesca Da Rimini*, an early American tragedy by George Henry Boker. The afternoon performance was in the open-air auditorium, but a heavy downpour about eight o'clock made necessary the transfer of the evening performance to Sheldon Hall.

The same evening at six o'clock in Harrison Hall the annual alumnae banquet was held. President S. P. Duke acted as toastmaster. Miss Frances I. Mackey, Mrs. George G. Snarr (Reba Beard), Miss Dorothy Spooner, Miss Joe Warren, and Miss Sally Brown all spoke as alumnae. Others participating in the program were Jean Gose and Wilmot Doan, presidents of the two graduating classes, and Dr. Wayland, Dr. Converse, Dr. Gifford, and Mrs. Varner.

Monday morning at the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association in Sheldon Hall, Miss Dorothy Spooner, of the class of 1920, was elected president and Ruth Nickell was elected secretary. These officers will serve for two years. Under the terms of the new constitution, adopted at this meeting, membership dues will hereafter be one dollar a year with an initiation fee of fifty cents.

Tuesday morning the Racquets beat the Pinquets in a tennis tournament. In doubles, Gibson Green and Anne Hughes won from the Pinquet team, Mary Pettus and Ruth Ferguson, two sets: score, 6-3, 6-3. In singles, Virginia Turpin, Racquet star, won from Mary Phillips two sets: score, 6-3, 7-5. These two victories made it unnecessary for the other singles to be completed; but Lorraine Gentis, Racquet captain, won a first set from Carolyn Weems by a score of 7-5. Mr. Duke, Mr. Logan, Mr. Shorts, and Mr. McIlwraith, provided with step-ladders, score cards, and parasols, acted as referees.

A very pretty program was arranged for

the Class Day exercises Tuesday afternoon, with both the two and four-year classes participating. The sophomore gifts as presented by Dorothy Rudd afforded much amusement, while the entire audience seemed impressed with the novel plan of the four-year class in filling a cedar chest with gifts which will go to the member of the class who first is led to the altar. The chest and the key are now in the possession of Miss Margaret Hoffman, their Big Sister.

Diplomas were conferred on 147 two-year graduates and the bachelor's degree was granted to 15 seniors at the commencement exercises Tuesday night, June 9. Announcement was made by President Duke of the various forward steps made by the college during the past year. He shed much light on his subject—even during the brief space when the entire hall was thrown in darkness by a burnt-out fuse.

The special speaker of the occasion, Honorable Harry F. Byrd, defended Virginia from the charge of being a backward state and urged the young women who will next fall be teaching to labor that Virginia may produce in the future great and good men such as she has given the world in the past.

The merit roll of the third quarter of 1924-25 was announced by Dr. Henry A. Converse, Registrar.

Magna cum laude: Emma Graham Dold, Buena Vista; Hilda Page Blue, Charlottesville; Virginia Mae Turpin, Norfolk.

Cum laude: Fourth year: Gladys Hopkins, McGaheysville; Clara Frances Lambert, McGaheysville; Mary Elizabeth Rubush, Weyers Cave; Edith Rowland Ward, Norfolk.

Third Year: Annie Vivian Council, Franklin; Thelma Louise Eberhart, Norfolk; Bertha May McCollum, Danville; Ruth Kemper Paul, Richmond; Ruth Tomko, Disputanta.

Second Year: Mary Elizabeth Ellmore, Herndon; Helen Bernice Yates, Harrisonburg.

First Year: Josephine Louise Harrison, Harrisonburg; Hyldah Louise Loving, Stearnes; Annie Brown Younger, Lynchburg; Ernestine Lorraine Gentis, Norfolk.

Award of two annual prizes was made by Conrad T. Logan, head of the English department. To Miss Clara F. Lambert of McGaheysville was given the Dingledine Prize for the best senior essay. Miss Lambert's study, "Should the Blue Ridge Mountains Be Made a National Park?" appeared in the March issue of *THE VIRGINIA TEACHER*. To Virginia Harvey of Roanoke was awarded the Snyder Prize offered by the *Breeze* staff for the best article submitted to the *Breeze* during the year. Miss Hilda Page Blue of Charlottesville was accorded honorable mention.

After an intermission of five days, the summer quarter began on June 15. Many members of the winter faculty remained at their posts, although a few departed for "fresh fields and pastures new." Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Varner both went to George Peabody College for Teachers, where they are members of the summer faculty. Miss Mary Louise Seeger went to New York, Miss Sarah Furlow to Chicago. Miss Margaret Hoffman and Miss Ruth Hudson rested at their homes preliminary to several camping trips; Miss Elizabeth Cleveland and Miss Hedwig Schaeffer both, on the other hand, first underwent operations in the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, then rested and recuperated.

New members of the summer-school faculty are Miss Augusta Kreiner in the physical education department; Dr. C. H. Huffman in the English department; Mrs. Florence Minor Lohmann, elementary school principal of Richmond; Miss Lina E. Sanger, principal of Bridgewater High School, and Thurmond Scott, an instructor in education at the University of Virginia—all in the education department; and Ernest M. Starr of Bridgewater College, in the science department.

Miss Mary R. Waples, who has served as college nurse and instructor in home nursing for the past three summers, is again in charge of the infirmary. Miss Waples has accepted the same appointment for the coming winter following the resignation of Miss Gertrude Lovell, who goes to Foxcroft, a country school for girls located in Loudoun County near Leesburg.

Coincident with the departure of Miss Lovell after three years of faithful service, the appointment was announced of Dr. Rachel Weems as college physician. Dr. T. C. Firebaugh, who has served for a number of years in this capacity, will become consulting physician.

Enrolment for the summer session was approximately the same as that of a year ago—about 700. For each of these new students was waiting a copy of the *Summer Breeze*, which contained the schedule of classes and much other useful information. *The Summer Breeze* is under the direction of Bertha McCollum as editor and Sarah Tabb as business manager. A competent staff is getting out an issue every two weeks.

For the elucidation of the entire student body, the staff presented an entertaining program at assembly when all the firms advertising in the *Summer Breeze* were represented. Marching across the stage came models displaying dresses for all occasions, bathing suits for the swimming pool; next came shoes, kodaks, lunches, ice-cream, and all manner of merchandise which advertisers wanted heralded.

Student Government officers elected for the summer quarter are Carolyn Weems of Ashland, president; Sarah Elizabeth Thompson of Warrenton, vice-president; Evelyne Wright of Norfolk, secretary-treasurer; and the following house-chairmen: Lucile Daniel (Jackson), Ruby Crawford (Ashby), Kate Estes (Shenandoah), Mrs. Beach (Wellington), Elsie Humphries (Carter), Frances Neavitt (Cleveland),

Katherine Womeldorf (Spottswood), and Louise Loving (Alumnæ).

Martha Garbee has also been selected as president of the summer Y. W. C. A.

Miss Julia T. Sprinkel, who had been on leave of absence on account of ill health during the spring, grew suddenly worse and died at her home in Harrisonburg on June 17. Miss Sprinkel had served as treasurer of the college for sixteen years and news of her death will bring sorrow to thousands of Harrisonburg girls who have known her. Classes were suspended at the college during the hour of her funeral Friday morning. At the service which was conducted by Rev. Dr. B. F. Wilson, President Duke spoke of Miss Sprinkel's sterling character, and her faithful service.

ALUMNÆ NOTES

We are in receipt of another of Mary Cook Lane's newsy, breezy letters from "Paradise," otherwise "Sao Sebastiao do Paraíso, Estado de Minas, Brazil." She is a missionary and the wife of a missionary. Some predict that her vigorous young son will be a missionary.

Mary L. Rilee writes from Allmondsville, Gloucester County. She is looking forward to college work next year.

Margaret Heflin (Mrs. Roy Jones), of the class of 1913, lives at Driver, in Nansemond County. She sends greetings to all her friends at Blue-Stone Hill.

Carey Knupp (Mrs. Roy M. Cleek), who taught at Warm Springs and decided to live there, announces the arrival on June 25 of Helen Grey Cleek.

E. Le Claire Batten sends a word of good cheer from Windsor, Isle of Wight County.

Sallie Cooper writes from Atlee. She taught last year at Goshen, and is now enjoying the historic environs of Richmond.

Mrs. Norman Ward taught last session near her home in Lunenburg County. We have good reports of her work.

Nora Hossley sends a message from Unionville. She says: "I am having a won-

derful vacation at home, but I miss all of you so much. The good part about it is that I think I can be with you for the next two years."

We like such messages.

Lelia V. Buntin's address is Crystal Hill, Halifax County. We are pleased to have a word from her.

Josephine Bradshaw is now Mrs. John A. Rea; and her home is at Gilroy, Calif.; but we know that she still has a warm spot in her heart for Blue-Stone Hill.

Annie S. Whitt writes from Radford, Va. We are glad to hear from her.

Mary Beamer's postoffice is Chapel, Va., Giles County. Her message reached us a few days ago.

Elizabeth Collins and Margaret Ritchie taught last session in Suffolk. Elizabeth will teach next year at Waynesboro.

Mrs. E. R. Dodson wrote recently from Danville. We have good reports of her work as a teacher.

Mary Phillips and Louise Huff have been spending a part of their vacation in and near the famous and picturesque Goshen Pass. A member of the TEACHER staff saw them near the Maury monument on June 14.

Emily Hogge, Madeline Bishop, and Celia Swecker sent a telegram of greeting and good will from Alexandria, at commencement, in the following line:

"We are thinking of you today. Best wishes to everyone."

Miss Anthony has handed us an interesting letter from Mozelle Powell, telling of her work. She says, "We have about 25 H. T. C. girls here in Arlington County."

Julia Dickerson writes from Waynesboro. We remember her with pleasure.

Peggy Moore sent us a characteristic message not long ago from Farmville, where she has been making a fine record.

Marriages are the order of the season. Here are a few that we have heard of:

May 7, Barita Megginson to Mr. Percy M. Wills, at Lynchburg;

June 6, Marie Cornell to Mr. Austin Cadle, at Barnwell, S. C.; home in San Francisco;

June 11, Elizabeth Nicol to Mr. Arthur B. Metcalf, at Rockville, Md.;

June 17, Carrie Malone to Mr. Charles D. Carter, at Petersburg;

June 24, Gretchen Bell to Mr. Howard B. Matthews, at Bedford;

June 24, Ida Saville to Mr. Ralph E. Moore, at Murat; home, after October 15, Montgomery, India;

June 24, Louise Bailie to Dr. Carey T. Wells, at Canton, N. C.;

June 29, Marion Adams to Mr. Ralph K. T. Larson, at Alexandria; home, Hamilton Court C2, Norfolk.

Louise Bailie (Mrs. Wells) and her new husband paid us a flying visit a few days ago. Louise is, if possible, nicer than ever.

Margaret Ropp (Mrs. Currin) is here now as a student. She is arranging to have her certificate renewed to be sure that her two boys will have a good teacher.

Pauline Ashmead is making a notable record in Brunswick County, Va. For several years she was county demonstrator; then she took special training in hospitals and is now county nurse.

Pauline Callender has accepted a position at Lewisburg College for next session as dean of girls.

Following is a list of the alumnae who registered during commencement, with their addresses as given in the record. It is known that other graduates were present, at least for parts of the week, but they omitted registering.

Barbara Schwarz ('24), Danville.

Susie Geoghegan ('24), Danville.

Grace Fisher ('20), Roanoke.

Esther J. Hubbard ('16), Roanoke.

Sallie L. Browne ('21), Charlottesville.

Joe B. Warren ('20), Beulahville.

Frances I. Mackey ('13), Riverside.

Margaret S. Seebert ('20), Lexington.

Lillian V. Gilbert ('14), Manassas.

Mildred Orrison ('23), Manassas.

Mary Garden Martin ('18), Toano.
 Mary Lacy Lyle ('12), Hampden-Sidney.
 Mary V. Maloy ('15), McDowell.
 Elsie B. Haga ('24), Danville.
 Mabel M. Kirks ('24), Midlothian.
 Carraleigh Jones ('24), Gordonsville.
 Elsie L. Warren ('24), Witt.
 Mary Lippard ('24), Madison.
 Kathleen Lunsford ('24), Monterey.
 Emma E. Byrd ('17), Broadway.
 Marguerite Whitney ('20), Glendora,
 Calif.

Dorothy Williams ('20), Newport News.
 Ruth Witt ('19), Roanoke.
 Reba Beard Snarr ('15), Winchester.
 Katherine Reaguer ('24), Culpeper.
 Georgia Holland ('24), Cheriton.
 Laura Jones Mohler ('15), Mount Solon.
 Margaret Cole ('23), Wilmington, N. C.
 Anne Hundley ('21), Whitmell.
 Ruth Swartz ('24), Mt. Jackson.
 Mae Burke Fox ('23), Quicksburg.
 Florence Esther Allen ('14), Stephenson.
 Anna Rachel Allen ('20), Stephenson.
 Helen Hopkins Hoover ('19), Timber-
 ville.
 Charlotte Yancey Boice ('20), Harrison-
 burg.
 Virginia Zirkle Brock ('19), Harrison-
 burg.
 Emily Haldeman Beck ('17), Harrison-
 burg.
 Hazel Haun ('20), Woodstock.
 Pauline Callender ('19), Rockingham.
 Aline B. Anderson ('23), Lexington.
 Elizabeth Tardy ('15), Lexington.
 Clarice L. Coleman ('24), Penola.

The following came as a commencement
 greeting:

Arlington County, Va.

Alumnæ and Faculty of H. T. C.:

Were we where our hearts and thoughts
 are tonight, we would be within the great
 circle at H. T. C. It is with regret that we,
 at present, find ourselves anchored in a vi-
 cinity where the future citizens of our na-
 tion need such *extended* training, that in-

stead of being with you we send sealed
 within this letter our love and very best
 wishes, to be scattered among those fortu-
 nate ones who at this time are enjoying the
 real Harrisonburg Atmosphere.

While we cannot actually come back to
 Alma Mater at this time, we can distinctly
 hear the bells and see the lights of Blue
 Stone Hill.

We remain

"Fraternally" yours,

ARLINGTON COUNTY ALUMNÆ CHAPTER

Mozelle Powell	Jesaline Gose
Lucy James	Virginia Poe
Carrie Dickerson	Carolyn Kackley
Bronner Leach	Caraly Greenaway
Elsie Burton	Gertrude Smith
Mary F. Bibb	Dolly Smith
Louise Sheppe	Elsie Bloxom
Emily Hogge	Celia Swecker
Madeline Bishop	Sallie Loving
Jane Nickell	

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

MARGARET A. BORDEN describes a project
 worked out in the first grade under the super-
 vision of Miss Mary E. Cornell. Miss Borden
 is a teacher in the Norfolk city schools.

MILDRED REYNOLDS is a graduate of the
 Roanoke High School, and a June graduate of
 the two-year course in Harrisonburg. Miss
 Reynolds did her student teaching under the
 supervision of Miss Vada Whitesel.

RUTH HOGGARD LEWIS is a graduate of the
 Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth.
 She sponsored the first printed issue of *Chatter*
 while teaching eighth grade composition under
 the supervision of Miss Mamie Omohundro.

CHARLES HERBERT HUFFMAN is a profes-
 sor of English in the State Teachers College at
 Harrisonburg. Dr. Huffman's contribution to
 this issue comes from his doctor's dissertation,
*The Eighteenth Century Novel in Theory and
 Practice*.

EUPHEMIA LAWRENCE graduated at the
 State Teachers College at Harrisonburg in
 June, 1925. Miss Lawrence served as an assist-
 ant to Miss Clara G. Turner, dietitian.

KATHERINE M. ANTHONY is director of the
 training school at Harrisonburg.

NANCY FUNKHOUSER is a graduate of the
 Dayton High School and is now a junior in the
 college.

SARAH ELIZABETH THOMPSON will com-
 plete the two-year course in August, 1925, and
 expects to teach the coming winter in her native
 county, Fauquier.